



## Highlights:

- Get to know your School Leaders
- Prepare for the New Year.

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Dear AYA Parents and Families,

AssalamAlaikum,

Eid Mubarak to all of our parents, students, families and friends of AYA. We hope that you had a blessed Eid with your loved ones and are now ready for the new school year! This newsletter is full of information to help start off the new school year, well prepared for success. The first day of school for Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students is **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**. The first day of school for K3 and PK4 will be on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Arriving to school on time is a critical start to a successful day for your child. Please make certain to drop off the students on time and in the correct drop off area. The school timings for **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> are from 7:45AM – 1:00PM and Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> are from 7:45AM – 1:10PM**. Regular school timings starts on August 19th, from 7:45 AM to 3:30 PM, and Friday times are from 7:45AM-1:10PM. Kindergarten students are dropped off by the K Building circle driveway. 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade students are dropped off at the A Building circle driveway. Secondary students are dropped off at the Masjid parking lot for assembly.

On the first day of school, parents may drop off their elementary aged child(ren) with their supplies, directly to their homeroom classes. Please make certain to come early and park in the available designated areas only, which is either the visitor parking or on the field area. Please **do not** park in the numbered areas since they are reserved for staff and faculty.

First day drop off to the classroom will allow elementary parents the opportunity to briefly meet the teacher and help start the new year with their child. Once inside the building, parents will drop off their child based upon the class list posted on the door, since we have two classrooms for each grade level. Parents will also need to pick up an envelope from the homeroom teacher. In the envelope contains the car tags, backpack tags, and a letter from the school regarding information about our Silent Dismissal system. Only the youngest child of the family will receive the envelope. Please **IMMEDIATELY** hang the car tag in your car so the dismissal process can be smooth on the first day of school. If you do not receive an envelope, please see Sr. Nawaher Taha in the office, or email her at [ntaha@ayatampa.com](mailto:ntaha@ayatampa.com). Secondary students will receive their supply lists and syllabus during the first 2 days of school.

ALL students must be in complete uniform on the first day of school. All middle school girls' hijabs must be purchased from the school. If you have not purchased the middle school girls' hijabs, please see the business office on **Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** to purchase them so your child can be ready for the first day of school. The prices range from \$7.00-\$10.00 depending upon the style.

The after-school program for working parents starts on Monday, August 19th, 2019 from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM. The after-school program fee is \$10.00 per hour for temporary enrollment or parents may enroll in the program long term and pay \$5.00 per hour with a \$50.00 enrollment fee. This year, once again we will be able to provide all students with a hot breakfast and lunch, at no charge. The food service program will InshaAllah begin on **Thursday, August 15th for all students by providing lunch. Both breakfast and lunch will be provided starting Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Parent Orientation will be this **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**, from 11am to 1:30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the administration and teachers and learn about the goals for the year. This newsletter also includes the detailed Uniform Policy, August Lunch Menu, and the August Calendar of Events. Please review all the information carefully and contact us if you have any questions.

We thank you for your continued support of AYA and we look forward to welcoming you back to school, energized, and eager to begin the new school year.

Sincerely,

Farhat Siddiqui

# AYA-Uniform & Dress Code for 2019-2020

## General Expectations

Students must wear the AYA uniform at all times, as long as they are on school campus. Please contact the Registrar, Sr. Eman Khalifeh at [registrar@ayatampa.com](mailto:registrar@ayatampa.com), if you have any questions about the uniforms.

AYA students must abide by all AYA policies, including AYA dress code, at all AYA and AYA-sponsored events, whether on or off campus. This includes while attending Dual-Enrollment courses and school field trips, as per the school policy. Students who are not willing to follow said policies- including dress code, will **not** be allowed to participate. Every student is expected to be neat and clean, which is an expectation of our deen.

## AYA LOGO IS REQUIRED ON ALL ABAYA'S AND PE UNIFORMS

AYA Uniforms may be purchased at the following sites:

<https://eastessence.com/collections/american-youth-academy-florida>

[www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com) | School Code: QS5NBHT

Go to [www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com)

Enter the school code: QS5NBHT

Then click on American Youth Academy

Click on the Grade level, Boys or Girls that matches your child's grade level and gender.

Click on the item of clothing [shirts, pants, jumpers, etc.]

Shipping is FREE

Make sure to order your uniforms by **July 15<sup>th</sup>**, in order to get them in time.

If purchasing from any other site or store, they **MUST** be **uniform** products.



## All Students:

- Shoes:** Black only, solid colored: uniform or dress style, to be worn with regular uniform. NO Designs/Patterns (Logos, flowers, Butterflies, Stars, etc.)
- Socks:** Any color, solid or mixed. NO Designs/Patterns (Flowers, Butterflies, Stars, etc.)
- Hoodies:** AYA hoodies ONLY or school approved Hoodies. (Sadaqa Jariya, Qurr'a Club etc.)
- Coats & Jackets:** No logos, pictures/images or sayings are allowed on clothing.
- PE Shirts:** All Elementary boys and girls, & Secondary boys' uniform must be purchased from AYA; Secondary girls must purchase from East Essence (AYA Logo is required)
- PE Pants:** Navy Blue or Black (boys shorts must be below the knee; NO tights or joggers)
- PE Shoes:** Sneakers; Any color, during PE only
- Fingernails:** Must be cut and clean at all times.
- Boys' Haircuts:** Must be neat. Hair must be cut above the brows, above the ears and collars. No ponytails or colors. Non-compliance will be considered a uniform violation.

## The following are NOT allowed at any time for any of the grade levels, even on Picture Days:

Open-Toed &/or Open-Back Shoes; Flashy/Shiny/Sequined shoes; High Heel Shoes; **Jeans**; above the knee Shorts; Stretch Pants; Leggings; Tights & Make-Up. Jewelry must be kept at a minimum.

### K3 – K4

- Boys Regular Uniform:** White Polo Shirt (no logo)  
Navy Blue Pants
- Girls Regular Uniform:** Navy Blue Jumper with White Polo Shirt *OR*  
One-Piece Navy Blue Polo Dress  
Navy Blue Uniform Pants under Jumper/Dress

### KG - 5th Grade Boys

- Boys Regular Uniform:** White Polo Uniform Shirt (no logo)  
Navy Blue Uniform Pants
- PE Uniform:** KG-5th Grade: AYA t-shirt (purchased from the office), navy blue or black sweatpants

### KG-5th Grade Girls

- Girls Regular Uniform:** White Polo or Dress Shirt (Gr. 5 must wear long sleeves); Navy Blue Abaya is optional for Gr. 5 Navy Blue Jumper  
Navy Blue Pants  
Hijab for Prayer: Gr. 2 to 4 (White only) Gr. 5 white hijab for all day.
- PE Uniform:** KG-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Navy Blue or Black Sweat-pants AYA t-shirt (purchased from the office),  
Gr. 5 girls must purchase PE shirt from East Essence. Navy Blue or Black Sweatpants  
NO skinny pants or joggers.

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### Grade 6- 8 Boys

<b>Boys Regular Uniform:</b>	Navy Blue Uniform or Dress Pants (Classic or straight leg) <b>Light Blue</b> Polo Uniform Shirt (no logo) <b>NO SKINNY PANTS OR JOGGERS</b>
<b>PE Uniform:</b>	AYA t-shirt (purchased from the office), navyblue or black sweatpants, no joggers
<b>Boys Friday Uniform:</b>	Collared shirts with dress pants. Islamic attire (thobe, dishdash, etc.) is encouraged. No jeans allowed. There is no color restriction on pants or shirts. No logos, pictures/images or sayings are allowed on clothing.

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### Grade 6 - 8 Girls

<b>Girls Regular Uniform:</b>	Navy Blue <b>Uniform</b> Abaya with <b>LOGO</b> <a href="http://www.eastessence.com/islamic-clothing/American-Youth-Academy-Florida/">http://www.eastessence.com/islamic-clothing/American-Youth-Academy-Florida/</a> Light Blue <b>Plain</b> Hijab (Purchased from the school) Navy Blue or Black <b>Yoga Pants</b> under Abaya (NO tights OR leggings) Navy Blue or Black T-Shirt to Cover Neckline (as needed)
<b>Girls PE Uniform:</b>	Navy Blue or Black PE Shirt with <b>LOGO</b> , purchased from East Essence), navy blue or black sweatpants, no tights, jeans or joggers, and hijab
<b>Girls Friday Uniform:</b>	Abaya's with hijab. There is no color restriction on pants, shirts, abayas, or hijabs. Abaya's should not be flashy. No logos, pictures/images or sayings are allowed on clothing.

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### Grade 9-11 Boys

<b>Boys Regular Uniform:</b>	Navy Blue or Tan Uniform or Dress Pants (Classic or straight leg) White or Black Polo Uniform Shirt (no logo) <b>NO SKINNY PANTS OR JOGGERS</b>
<b>PE Uniform:</b>	AYA t-shirt (purchased from the office), navyblue or black sweatpants, no joggers
<b>Boys Friday Uniform:</b>	Collared shirts with dress pants. Islamic attire (thobe, dishdash, etc.) is encouraged. No jeans allowed. There is no color restriction on pants or shirts. No logos, pictures/images or sayings are allowed on clothing.

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### Grade 9-11 Girls

<b>Girls Regular Uniform:</b>	<b>Navy, Maroon, Gray or Black Uniform</b> Abaya with <b>LOGO</b> <a href="http://www.eastessence.com/islamic-clothing/American-Youth-Academy-Florida/">http://www.eastessence.com/islamic-clothing/American-Youth-Academy-Florida/</a> White or Black <b>Plain</b> Hijab *Two-piece Amira hijab is strongly recommended. Navy Blue or Black <b>Yoga Pants</b> under Abaya (NO tights OR leggings) Navy Blue or Black T-Shirt to Cover Neckline (as needed)
<b>Girls PE Uniform:</b>	Navy Blue or Black PE Shirt with <b>LOGO</b> , purchased from East Essence, navyblue or black sweatpants, and hijab. No tights, jeans or joggers are allowed.
<b>Girls Friday Uniform:</b>	Abaya's with hijab. Abaya's should not be flashy. No logos, pictures/images or sayings are allowed on clothing.

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**Gr. 12 Seniors' and IB Students Uniform:** Same as Friday uniform, but everyday

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#### Additional Notes & Clarifications

All girls must be in proper hijab on the AYA/ICT campuses at all times.

Students are asked to bring personal deodorant (no spray) and a small towel with them to PE in order to dry up after class, so as to reduce the excessive use and waste of paper towels.

**AYA reserves the right to require students to purchase new uniforms if the uniforms they have are not in good condition. Any student who is not in proper uniform will be given the appropriate item by the office, and parents will be charged accordingly. Alternatively, students may be sent home or parents may be asked to bring correct uniform to school.**



**NO APPLICATION NEEDED**

All students are eligible for Daily FREE Meals  
AYA provides hot, nutritious Breakfast and Lunch  
meals to Students on a daily basis.



**AMERICAN YOUTH  
ACADEMY**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>Staff Day</b>	2 <b>Staff Day</b>	3
4	5 <b>Staff Day</b>	6 <b>Staff Day</b>	7 <b>Staff Day</b>	8 <b>Staff Day</b>	9 <b>Staff Day</b>	10
11	12 <b>Eid</b>	13 <b>Aladha</b>		15 <b>Student's First Day Half Day</b> <u>K5-12th:</u> Extra Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots Garden Salad	16 <u>K5-12th:</u> Chicken Fingers Baby Carrots Mashed Potato Corn	17 
18	19 <b>VPK &amp; PK First Day</b> <u>K3-12th:</u> Pasta with Spaghetti Sauce & meat Fresh Broccoli Salad Mix	20 <u>K3-12th:</u> Tuna Or Sloppy Joe Sandwich Romaine Salad Fries	21 <u>K3-12th:</u> Extra Cheese Pizza Garden Salad Baby Carrots Chili Soup	22 <u>K3-12th:</u> Baked Boneless Chicken, Green Beans with Tomato Sauce, Salad, Brown Rice, Yogurt	23 <u>K3-12th:</u> Chicken Nuggets Salad mix Pasta Salad Baby carrots	24
25	26 <u>K3-12th:</u> Louisiana Chicken Pasta Steamed Broccoli, Salad Mix	27 <u>K3-12th:</u> Chicken Patties, Baby Carrots Salad mix	28 <u>K3-12th:</u> Extra Cheese Pizza Garden Salad Baby Carrots Baked Beans	29 <u>K3-5th:</u> Beef, Mixed Veggies with Tomato Sauce, Brown Rice, Salad Mix & Yogurt <u>6th-12th:</u> Beef Burrito bowl w/ Brown Rice	30 <u>K3-12th:</u> Chicken Nachos Garden Salad Corn	31

Fruits: (Apples, Bananas, Fruit Salad, Peach slices or 100% Juice) Bread & Milk will be offered with all meals. All Students are Eligible for FREE Meals, Staff: \$4.00  
Please note that menu is subject to change depending on the availability of food products.



# AMERICAN YOUTH ACADEMY

## August 2019 – Calendar of Events

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Staff/Teacher Training at ISTABA	2 Staff/Teacher Training at AYA	3
4	5 Staff/Teacher Training	6 Staff/Teacher Training at AYA	7 Staff/Teacher Training- CHAMPS Training	8 Staff/Teacher Training at AYA	9 Staff/Teacher Training at AYA	10
11	12 EID BREAK-SCHOOL CLOSED	13 EID BREAK-SCHOOL CLOSED	14 EID BREAK-SCHOOL CLOSED	15 First Day of School! - Half Day ALL Staff/Teacher Meet- ing in Peace House	16	17 AYA Parent Open House 11:00am- 1:30pm
18	19 First Day of VPK	20 ARP Assessments (New Students Only)	21 ARP Assessments (New Students Only)	22 ARP Assessments (New Students Only)	23	24
			Sign-Up for Safety Patrol			
25	26	27	28	29 Hajj Simulation EC/Elem.	30	

